

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising,
 - a. a fluid permeable facing layer having a first elastic modulus;
 - b. an absorbent core joined to the facing layer, the absorbent core having a second elastic modulus;
 - c. wherein at equal strain from about 1% to about 5% the first elastic modulus is greater than the second elastic modulus and wherein the facing layer is joined to the absorbent core at substantially the entirety of their respective interfacial surfaces; ~~and~~
 - d. a fluid impermeable backsheet joined to the facing layer; and
 - e. a pair of deep-embossed channels, the channels defining an effective width of from about 20 mm to about 50 mm.
- 2.-3. (Canceled).
4. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the density of the absorbent core is between about 0.050 g/cm^3 and about 0.15 g/cm^3 .
5. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the facing layer has a caliper and the absorbent core has a second caliper, and wherein the ratio between the facing layer caliper and the absorbent core caliper is from about 1:3 to about 1:20.
6. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a catamenial device.
- 7.-9. (Canceled).

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10. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein said secondary topsheet is an apertured, formed film topsheet.
11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein said secondary topsheet is a nonwoven web.
- 12.-16. (Canceled).
- 16-20. (Cancelled) -/MH/